

TRAINS COLLIDE; ONE INCINERATED

Fatal Accident Occurs on Atlantic Coast Line in Nansemond.

MISUNDERSTOOD HIS ORDERS

Thick Fog Prevented the Engineers from Seeing Danger in Time.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, VA., November 22.—As the result of a misunderstood train order and a heavy fog, extra south-bound freight No. 392 and first 274, also a freight, crashed together early this morning in a head-on collision on the Atlantic Coast Line, near Nansemond Station, three miles from Suffolk.

Front brakeman H. K. Snovel, of No. 217 Forty-sixth Street, West Philadelphia, was buried in the wreckage and incinerated; Engineer W. J. Buchanan, of the northbound train, also was entrapped, being cut out barely in time to save him from cremation, and other trainmen, who jumped, were more or less injured.

Wreckage Catches Fire.

Both engines and twenty-one heavily laden cars, carrying cotton, peanuts and lumber, were demolished, and the debris immediately took fire. An engine from the Suffolk Fire Department was carried to the scene on a special train, but practically everything save car wheels and castings was consumed before they could get water from a nearby branch.

The trains had orders to meet at Nansemond. Engineer W. P. Ricks, of No. 303 misread his order to designate Nurney Sliding as the meeting place. The thick fog prevented the engineers from sighting their danger, and the conditions for the wreck were complete.

Snovel, formerly a conductor with the Pennsylvania system, had lately come with the Coast Line, and was running as brakeman to learn the road. His remains were brought to Suffolk and prepared for shipment. The injured men were taken to Norfolk Hospital.

EDUCATIONAL RALLY.

Lancaster County Leads in Progress in the Northern Neck.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LANCASTER, VA., November 22.—An educational rally was held here yesterday, at which many of the teachers of the county, supervisors, school trustees and interested citizens were present. Dr. Frank W. Lewis, division superintendent of schools for Lancaster, presided. At the morning session Mr. Frank P. Brent, principal of the Lancaster High School, discussed the aesthetic element in education, and Principal Laughlin, of the Whitestone High School, read a paper on "The Importance of Insistence on Correct Pronunciation in Teaching Foreign Languages."

In the afternoon Mr. J. W. Taylor, principal of the Irvington High School, discussed in an interesting manner "The Importance of Arranging School Programs and Classifying Pupils in Accordance With Practical Psychological Principles." He was followed by Mr. E. H. Russell, member of the State Board of Examiners for this circuit, who made a strong plea for the consolidation of weak schools, the transportation of pupils, and the increase of the local school taxes. Mr. Russell paid a just tribute to Dr. Lewis, the division superintendent, and commended Lancaster on being the leader of educational progress in the Northern Neck.

The exercises were enlivened with music by the teachers and pupils of the Lancaster High School. At the close of the meeting Superintendent Lewis presented the claims of the Virginia Journal of Education, and succeeded in securing a large number of new subscribers. Miss Mary Seale and Miss Annie Stoneham were appointed delegates from Lancaster to the educational conference to be held the coming week at Newport News.

The next meeting of the Lancaster Education Association will be held here on the second Friday in January when Professor Bruce R. Payne, of the University of Virginia, and Mrs. D. W. Read, State supervisor of drawing, are expected to be present and deliver lectures.

CHILDREN RESCUED.

Parents Unable to Keep Them, and Homes Will Be Provided.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., November 22.—Three children—Addie May, Nathan and Melinda Ewell, aged, respectively, four, five and seven years, of Washwood, twenty-five miles south of Virginia Beach—were brought here to-night by Detective Bourke, of the Norfolk Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, because their parents are unable to provide for them, and they will be educated by the society. The father of the children is a paralytic, while the mother was unable to provide proper food and clothing for the little ones. For several weeks the life-savers along the coast have sent clothing and food to the destitute mother for her children.

FATAL CRAP GAME.

One Negro Shoots and Kills His Brother While Gambling.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHATHAM, VA., November 22.—Richard Mills shot and instantly killed his brother, Columbus Mills, in the sequel of a negro crap game at a construction camp on the Southern Railway, near Motley's Station, about twenty miles north of this place, Saturday night. The brother was taken to jail here this afternoon. His home is in South Carolina.

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News of Petersburg

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Petersburg, Va., November 22.

With interesting and impressive exercises, and in the presence of a large assemblage of people, the beautiful tablet erected as a memorial to General David A. Weisiger, in historic old Blandford Church, was unveiled and dedicated this afternoon. The church was crowded, and many were unable to gain admission. Among the organized bodies present were the Ladies' Memorial Association, the Petersburg Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans, many of whose members served in General Weisiger's command; the A. P. Hill Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Petersburg Grays. The exercises were held under the auspices of the Ladies' Memorial Association, in whose care and keeping, old Blandford Church, with its precious memorials of colonial, Revolutionary and Confederate times, has been given.

The tablet rests on the north wall of the church, nearly in front of the pulpit. The inscription, which briefly records the military life of the dead soldier, has been published in The Times-Dispatch.

A Great Racing Meet.

The races which have been arranged for next Saturday at the Riverside Country Club will prove the greatest event of the kind held in this section in half a century. Its success is in large measure due to Mr. David Dunlop, who guarantees the liberal prizes to be awarded, and who has interested himself to such an extent to secure the support and attendance of scores of prominent horsemen from Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York. Some half a hundred or more noted racers, many of which have won prizes on the tracks of the country, will be brought here and will be seen under their colors, and from information received over 1,000 persons from a distance will attend the races.

General News.

Miss Helen D. Merritt, second daughter of the late E. D. Merritt, died yesterday at her home in Chesterfield county, a short distance from Petersburg. Her funeral will take place from the residence to-morrow morning.

The great success of the motor boat race Saturday afternoon will, it is believed, induce the Boat Club to arrange for future events of the kind, probably as often as once a month.

The Riverside Hunt Club had an excellent drag hunt Saturday afternoon

and afterwards, was given a reception at the club-house, at which many ladies were present.

NEGRO PREACHER RAN BLIND TIGER

Tried in the Lancaster Circuit Court and Is Convicted.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LANCASTER, November 22.—The Circuit Court for Lancaster county, Judge T. R. B. Wright presiding, has been in session all the week. Among the visiting attorneys in attendance were State Senator C. Harding Walker, Clarence Towles and Hugh Smith, of Northumberland; Watt T. Mayo, of Westmoreland, and Aylett B. Nicol and A. S. Holtman, of Alexandria. The three last named gentlemen came here on business in connection with the sale of certain property at Colonial Beach, belonging to the Randall Steamboat Company, recently placed in the hands of Mr. Mayo as receiver.

The grand jury found indictments against Larry Robins, Frank Dix and Eugene Dix, all colored, for the illegal sale of whiskey in White Stone District, and the trials fixed for the January term of the court.

Preacher Is Convicted.
George Miles, a negro preacher living in White Chapel district, was tried and convicted of selling liquor contrary to law, fined \$50 and costs, and sentenced to sixty days in jail. He was also required by the court to give bond in the sum of \$500 with approved security for his good behavior, and in case he fails to give such bond he will have to serve an additional two months in jail.

Isaac Park, colored, was convicted of stabbing John Blackwell, also colored, and sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.
Robert Rich, another old offender, was fined \$100 and costs, and sentenced to sixty days in jail. He was required also to give a bond of \$500 for good behavior in the future; failing to do which he will have to serve an additional term in the County Jail.

Robert Carter, a young negro man from the Corotoman region, recently adjudged insane and for some time past confined in jail awaiting transportation to the hospital at Petersburg, died here several days ago of tuberculosis.

BOLD ROBBERIES.

Salisbury and Spencer Suffer From Depredations Committed at Night.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SALISBURY, N. C., November 22.—Salisbury and Spencer have for the past week been greatly molested by a series of night robberies and hold-ups, and the citizens have been thoroughly aroused over the situation. In Salisbury shortly before daylight yesterday morning two bold highway robberies were attempted.

Captain James Lowe, a well known Southern Railway conductor, on his way to the station to take out his train, was halted and ordered to hand over his valuables, but instantly he opened fire on his assailant, who died in the darkness. Mr. Charles Gordon, a machinist, on his way to work, was held up and robbed of a pair of boots, which were taken when no money was found.

At Spencer a number of houses have been entered during the past week. Two unknown negroes were discovered peering into different homes in that town yesterday.

Called to Richmond.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., November 22.—Mr. L. A. Beasley and daughters, Misses Elizabeth and Willie, left to-day for Richmond, having been called there by the accidental death of Mr. W. H. Wilkerson, who was killed yesterday by a Southern train in Manchester. The deceased was a brother-in-law of Mr. Beasley.

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LYNCHBURG RALLY FOR LOCAL OPTION

Great Activity by Anti-Saloon League in the Churches.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., November 22.—To-day has been one of great activity on the part of the Anti-Saloon League. Local option was the theme in most of the churches either at the morning or night services.

The big meeting of the day was this afternoon at the Academy of Music, where Rev. Mordecai Ham, of Kentucky, was the speaker. This meeting concluded with nearly 700 men pledging themselves to work and vote for prohibition.

The report of the committees representing the W. C. T. U., which circulated the petitions among the women of the city asking the voters to cast their votes for local option, report that there have been 3,000 signers to these papers. The lists are not complete, and it is expected that quite a number of additional signatures will be turned in at a meeting to be held Monday afternoon.

Jail Is Empty.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., November 22.—The county jail of Amherst county is empty, and a prisoner has not been turned into the institution for several weeks. This condition years ago was unheard of, but since the law providing for the working of prisoners on public roads has gone into effect county jails are not considered as good winter quarters as they were years ago.

Clubs Are Merged.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., November 22.—The board of governors of the Oakwood Club in a meeting last night took the steps necessary to the merger of the Oak Ridge Hunt Club with the Oakwood Club, and the merger is now complete. The hunt club will preserve its old name as it desires to retain its identity with the national association. In all other particulars it will be a part of the Oakwood Club.

This merger was brought about exactly as was that with the Lynchburg Gun Club some years ago, and it means that the Oakwood Club is merely adding the hunt club feature. It is believed that it will result in an increased interest in this sport here.

The merger gives the Oakwood Club the following new members: Messrs. William Beasley, J. M. E. Lewis, R. P. Magroom, J. M. Pulanney, R. B. Embrey, W. J. Almond, J. E. Cannaway, Jr., H. M. Sackett, R. D. Martin, T. M. Hobson, J. O. L. Goggin, J. Suhling, W. G. Suhling, Ernest Williams, S. T. Withers, S. H. Franklin, O. B. Barker, W. J. D. Bell, W. W. Collins, W. R. Rorem, Herman Schultz, E. L. Akers, G. Stalling, A. D. Pettyjohn, R. V. Martindale, McHenry Peters, J. A. McGregor, J. M. Shaffer and H. D. Wells.

To Form Cavalry Company.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., November 22.—Pleased with the success which has attended the Blue Ridge Company, No. 17, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, since its organization last spring, steps have been taken looking to the organization of a cavalry company of this order. Application has been made for the necessary papers, and the promoters of the proposed company believe there is no doubt as to the success of this newest venture.

Charged With Forgery.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., November 22.—Two young men were arrested in Bristol this morning, charged with forging the name of W. O. Giles, a merchant of this city, to two checks for \$15. The checks were cashed by M. Forman, another merchant. They were indorsed "Frank H. Berlin" and "Harry J. Forbes," the supposed names of the men.

Cars Wrecked in Yard.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHATHAM, VA., November 22.—An engine and six cars were derailed and the cars demolished in the Southern yard here last night. The wrecked train was clearing the main line at rather high speed, and ran into three flat cars loaded with ballast. The engineer was bruised about the body by being thrown from his seat at the impact.

Lutheran Synod Closes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALISBURY, N. C., November 22.—The annual session of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, which closed a successful conference at Bethel, Rowan county, yesterday, will meet next year at Burlington, Alamance county. The recent session was largely attended by both lay and clerical representatives, and is said to have been most beneficial. A handsome sum was raised for meeting the expenses of young men offering their services in the Lutheran ministry in North Carolina.

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A YOUNG HUNTER SHOOTS OFF ARM

Was Pulling His Gun Towards Himself from the Boat.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LANCASTER, VA., November 22.—While out hunting yesterday, Carroll Clark, son of Mr. Thomas Clark, who lives at Lively Oaks in this county, accidentally shot himself in the right hand and wrist, inflicting injuries that necessitated the amputation of the arm just below the elbow.

Young Clark and his brother were in a rowboat at Ben Row near the headwaters of Corotoman River, when they pushed ashore to shoot some birds. Carroll Clark got out and attempted to take his gun out of the boat with the muzzle in his right hand. The hammer struck against the seat, causing the gun to go off, the entire load entering the hand and wrist.

They were more than a mile from any house, and but for the presence of his brother, who bandaged the wounded hand, young Clark would probably have bled to death. They walked to this place, where Dr. Oldham dressed the wound. Later in the day Clark was taken to his home at Lively Oaks, where Dr. Pierce and Oldham amputated the injured limb.

Look Out Justice John.

Justice John Churchillfield will have to look to his laurels, as he has a rival for fame in the person of Justice E. W. Eichelberger, of Northumberland county. The other day, Justice Eichelberger had just cleared the docket in his court at Edwardsville, when he saw several negroes passing along the road. Pointing to one of them, Moses Sutton, he asked a bystander if the negro was not drunk. On receiving an affirmative answer, he ordered Deputy Sheriff Flynt to arrest the man and bring him before him. A warrant was issued in the presence of the negro, who was at once put on trial and fined \$5 and costs. Not having the cash with him, the negro pawned his watch with the justice till he could raise the money.

The Banner County.

The Irvington Citizen calls attention to the fact that in the recent election Lancaster cast more Democratic and fewer Republican votes than any other county in the Northern Neck of Virginia, thus holding its place as the banner Democratic county of this section.

Making Oyster Survey.

Mr. Frederick E. Ruediger, county surveyor of Accomack, has been engaged during the past week in re-running the lines of the Baylor surveys in the waters of the lower Rappahannock under the direction of the State Commission of Fisheries.

Goes to New Field.

The Rev. Porter Hardy, who for the past four years has been pastor of the Methodist churches in the Lancaster Circuit will leave with his family during the coming week to his new field of labor at Capeville on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

NEWS OF NEWBERN.

Superior Court Opens—Boy Loses Three of His Fingers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWBERN, N. C., November 22.—A two-weeks term of the Superior Court opens here on the 23d, Judge O. H. Allen, of Kinston, presiding. The first week is for civil cases only, and there are sixty-nine cases on the docket for the first week. Few of the cases are of more than local interest, the majority being against the railroad and various lumber companies nearby.

Shops Are Busy.

The Norfolk and Southern railroad shops are doing more work now than at any time since the shut-down, over a year ago. The force is as large as it has ever been, especially in the car repair department. The pay roll at present amounts to about \$6,000 per month. All the work for the larger part of the Norfolk and Southern system, that part south of Albemarle Sound, is done here.

Officers Elected.

One of the most active chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy in the State is located here. They have a hall on South Front Street, which is large and well arranged. At a meeting

held a few days ago officers were elected for the year 1909 as follows: President, Mrs. C. L. Stevens; first vice-president, Mrs. Walter Duffy; second vice-president, Mrs. R. B. Nixon; third vice-president, Mrs. S. W. Hagcock; recording secretary, Miss Kathryn Street; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. P. N. Bryan; treasurer, Miss Annie Poy.

Lost Three Fingers.

Master Joe Ross, the eight-year-old son of Mr. J. T. Ross, foreman of car repairs for the Norfolk and Southern, had the misfortune to lose three fingers from his left hand on Saturday morning. In company with two other boys, Joe Hollowell and Lacy Meredith, he was at play in the Hollowell yard. While the Meredith boy was chopping over a block the Ross boy had his back to him, and put out his hand, which fell on the block just as the axe came down. The thumb and forefinger were cut, but not to such an extent that they cannot be saved. The three fingers were completely severed.

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